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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Pierre Bellefleur  
Serial No.: 09/927,821 Examiner: A. Barfield  
Filed: August 10, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3636  
For: LOCKING ASSEMBLY FOR A ROCKING CHAIR

**REPLY TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, having a shortened statutory term for response expiring April 24, 2003.

In the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, the Examiner has identified claims 1-40 and claims 41-58 as being subject to a restriction requirement, on the basis that they are respectively directed to two patentably distinct inventions.

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In response to the Examiner's request under 35 U.S.C. §121, the Applicant formally elects Invention I, claims 1-40 being readable thereon, for prosecution on the merits.

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Accordingly, the Applicant has withdrawn claims 41-58 from the patent application. The Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue all or a subset of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional application that may be filed prior to the issuance to patent of the present application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-40 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-40 at an early date is solicited.

If the claims of the application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims or in making constructive suggestions so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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